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SUBJECT:SECURITY AND THE TITO VISIT

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1. I SHARE YOUR CONCERN OVER THE PROSPECT OF
DEMONSTRATIONS UNDERCUTTING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TRIP,
AND WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PREVENT SUCH AN
UNFORTUNATE EVENT.

2. THE PARK SERVICE, ACCORDING TO L, MAY REVOKE THE
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PERMIT ISSUED TO THE DEMONSTRATORS, AND ISSUE A PERMIT
WITH MORE SEVERE RESTRICTIONS. HOWEVER, THE GROUP MAY
GO TO COURT AND REQUIRE THE PARK SERVICE TO SHOW CAUSE
WHY THE ORIGINAL PERMIT WAS CANCELLED. IN SUCH AN EVENT,
THE GOVERNMENT MUST BRING FORTH TANGIBLE EVIDENCE;
I.E., INDICATIONS OF VIOLENT OR DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES.
SUCH A SCENARIO COULD BRING HEIGHTENED PUBLIC AWARENESS TO

A SITUATION IN WHICH WE WOULD PREFER A LOW PROFILE. FURTHER-MORE, WE HAVE NO RPT NO SUCH EVIDENCE AT THIS TIME.

3. THE PARK SERVICE INDICATES THAT ONLY ONE GROUP HAS APPLIED FOR A PERMIT TO DATE. THIS WASHINGTON-BASED GROUP EXPECTS SOMETHING LESS THAN THE 200 INDIVIDUALS

THE PERMIT ALLOWS TO DEMONSTRATE.

4. IN SPITE OF THE NEGATIVISM EMANATING FROM THE PRECEDING COMMENTS, YOU MAY BE SURE THAT WE WILL WORK WITH JUSTICE AND INTERIOR TO SEE TO IT THAT THE MOST SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS POSSIBLE WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOR DEMONSTRATIONS.
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